

REMARKS

With this Amendment, Applicant amends claims 1, 27 and 28 and cancels claim 6. Applicant has also rewritten claim 15 in independent form. Claims 1-5 and 7-28 are all the claims pending in the application.

1. Formalities

Applicant thanks the Examiner for acknowledging the claim for foreign priority and for confirming receipt of the priority document.

Applicant also thanks the Examiner for initialing the references listed on forms PTO/SB/08 submitted with the Information Disclosure Statements filed on May 11, 2004, and July 16, 2004.

2. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant thanks the Examiner for finding allowable subject matter in claims 6 and 12-26 and for indicating that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Applicant has rewritten claim 15 into independent form. Applicant has also incorporated the allowed subject matter of claim 6 into independent claims 1, 27 and 28 and has canceled claim 6.

3. Claim Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Examiner has rejected claim 28 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Specifically, the Examiner contends that “the mounting rail” lacks antecedent basis.

Applicant submits that the modifications to claim 28 obviate the rejection.

4. Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-5, 7-11 and 27 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 3,821,688 to Larsile.

The Examiner has rejected claim 28 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,979,909 to Andrews.

For at least the following reason, Applicant traverses the rejections.

The subject matter of claim 6 has been incorporated into independent claims 1, 27 and 28. Therefore, Applicant submits that all pending claims are now allowable and this application is in condition for allowance.

5. Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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